

MEASURE J  
"REIMAGINE LA"



# 2021 SPENDING RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

## Reentry Subcommittee Meeting #1



## In the chat...

- ☐ Please add your name and City, neighborhood or Zip Code
- ☐ In the Chat, shout out those that inspired you to be in this equity, healing & liberation work

# About Measure J

LA County Voters approved  
Measure J in the November 2020  
Election.



Measure J mandates at  
least **10%** of the  
County's locally generated  
unrestricted funding will  
address impact of racial  
injustice.

**How will Measure J address the impact  
of systemic racism and incarceration?**

By investing those funds in  
community recommended  
programs such as:

- youth development
- job training
- mental health services
- small business development
- supportive housing services
- and other alternatives to incarceration.

## Measure J Spending Recommendations

### What Does The Community Input Process Look Like?



# Your Facilitation Team



**Aparna Shah**  
she/they



**Mari Ryono**  
she/they





# Breathe



A background image showing the silhouettes of numerous palm trees against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange near the horizon where the sun is setting. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of people and structures, including a lifeguard stand, are visible along the beach.

# **Acknowledgement of Local Native Peoples**

## **Tongva/Kizh/Gabrieleño, Tataviam & Chumash**

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF WHAT'S COME BEFORE

*Multi-decade efforts to address mass incarceration, systemic racism,  
equity and community healing*

**Measure J is one strategy  
of many **key efforts**  
for advancing **equity**,  
**decarceration**, **healing**,  
**repair** and **wellbeing** of  
our communities**

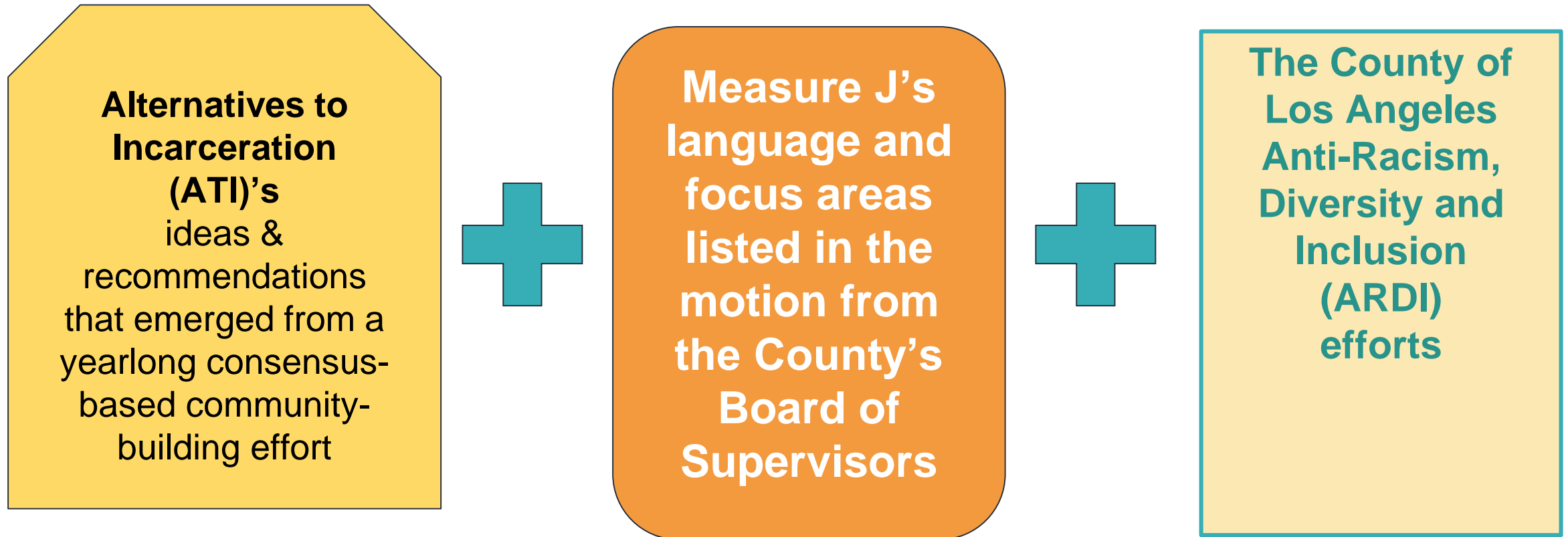
**2-Year Process to  
develop  
recommendations  
for Alternatives to  
Incarceration  
(ATI Process)**

**November 2020:  
Voters Approve  
Measure J to redirect  
funding to support  
community  
investments and  
alternatives to  
incarceration**

**Efforts to Close  
Men's Central  
Jail in LA County**



**Acknowledgements:** This funding recommendations process is grounded in past & current efforts



# Meeting Goals

## Meeting #1: Grounding, Orientation to the Subcommittee & Funding Possibilities

*Create Shared Understanding of  
the Subcommittee process and  
outcomes*



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# Agenda

1. Orientation to the 5 Subcommittees and this Subcommittee
2. Overall Process for How Recommendations & Decisions will be Made
3. Elect a Subcommittee Co-Chair
4. Overview of the Funding Recommendations Process & Guidelines
5. Subcommittee Funding Recommendations Template
6. Review of Decision Making for Subcommittees
7. Begin to Focus Our Subcommittee Topic Area
8. Next Steps for this Subcommittee
9. Public Comment



# Group Agreements

- 1) **Be Present** - Try to have cameras on, listen actively and turn off other devices and apps during the meeting
- 2) **Equity in Participation**
  - *Please mute while others are speaking*
  - *Raise your hand to be in the speaking stack (\*9 on the phone)*
  - *Be ready to unmute (\*6 to mute and unmute on the phone)*
  - *If you have spoken allow space for others to speak before you. Facilitators will call on others in the stack if you have spoken so we can hear everyone's comments and voice*
- 3) **Practice Grace and Openness** - We are all here with good intentions and want to improve people's lives, let's give each other a chance
- 4) **Take care of your bodies** - Get up to stretch, use restroom, hydrate, etc.
- 5) **Use Human-First Language**
- 6) **Respect Everyone's Pronouns**
- 7) **We Are Here for the People**

# Additional Group Agreements

1. [any additional agreements]



# Zoom Instructions to Support Participation



## RENAME

Name you want to be called, Gender Pronouns & Organization (if affiliated)  
This is optional but would make facilitation smoother



## USE THE CHAT

Type in questions or comments



## RAISE YOUR HAND

You can “Raise your hand” by looking under the **Participant section/Reactions**  
OR type in “STACK” to get in the speaking order



## FOR THE PHONE

\*6 - Mute/Unmute  
\*9 - Raise Hand



# Orientation to Subcommittees



# About the Subcommittee

## Each Subcommittee will have 2 Co-Chairs

- One Co-Chair is a member of the Measure J Advisory Committee
- One Co-Chair is a member of the Community and will be elected today

## Members of the Subcommittee

- Anyone who attends the meetings is considered a member of the subcommittee

## What does the Subcommittee Do?

- Brown Act governed body of the Advisory Committee
- Responsible for making Measure J Spending Allocation Recommendations to the Advisory Committee
- Responsible for Identifying Programs and Services that can be funded by Measure J that will support communities and people impacted by systemic racism

# 5 Subcommittees for this Process



**Economic  
Opportunity &  
Sustainability**

**Diversion,  
Behavioral  
Health &  
Health**

**Education  
Access &  
Youth  
Development**

**Housing**



**Reentry**





# Focus of this Subcommittee:

## Reentry



# What will happen in the next 5 weeks?

- ❖ Subcommittees will try to build on the work of the ATI (Alternatives to Incarceration) process to focus within their subject area to build toward detailed funding recommendations for 2021
- ❖ Subcommittees will decide on presentations and discussions to gain information, data and analysis that will be strategic to prioritizing funding for this year. The presenters could be county departments and community experts
- ❖ Using this information, the Subcommittees will develop potential funding recommendations using a template that will capture all the detail needed
- ❖ Subcommittees will discuss and prioritize which potential funding recommendations they will recommend to the Measure J Advisory Committee at the fifth meeting

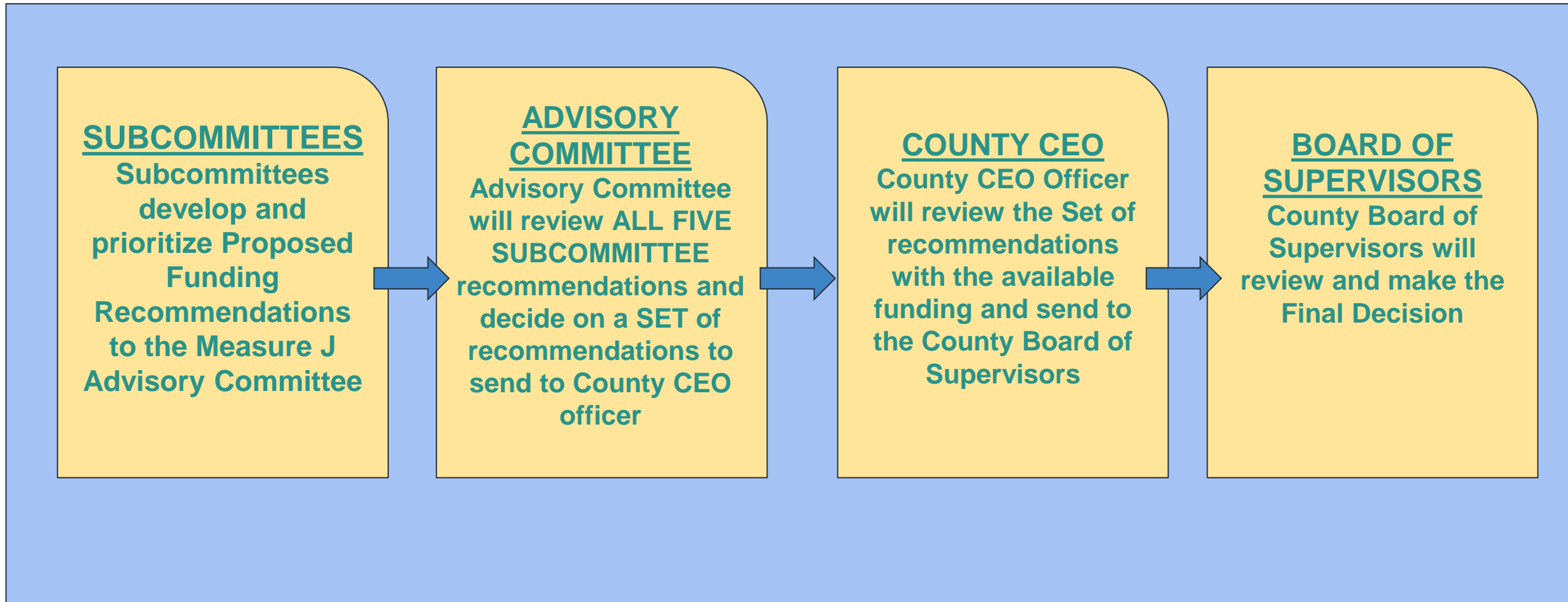
# Upcoming Meeting Dates for the Economic Opportunities and Sustainability Subcommittee

- ❑ February 17, 6:00-8:30pm
- ❑ February 24, 6:00-8:30pm
- ❑ March 3, 6:00-8:30pm
- ❑ March 10, 6:00-8:30pm





# Overall Decision Making Process for Funding Recommendations



# Decision Making Method for the Subcommittees

Everyone on the Call gets a Vote including the Co-Chairs

Digital Polling for those on Zoom  
Those on Phone will get to verbally vote

Majority Rule  
Ideas that get the most votes will move forward

Recommendations from the Subcommittee will then get sent to the Measure J Advisory Committee



# Public Comment





# **Elect a Co-Chair for this Subcommittee**



# Co-Chair Roles & Responsibilities

1. Represent the Advisory Committee and its conversations at the Subcommittee
2. Attend ALL 5 Subcommittee meetings
3. Provide guidance from the Advisory Committee and Measure J language to support concrete funding recommendations
4. Bring Subject-Matter Expertise through Personal Lived Experience and/or Work Experience
5. Support Facilitating Comments and Feedback into Concrete Funding Recommendations
6. Report Information from this Subcommittee back to the Advisory Committee Periodically
7. Provide Support to Facilitators in Presenting Material and Decision-Making Process





# Process to Elect a Co-Chair



1. Co-Chair will lead Nominations & Voting

1. **Nominees need to be present in this meeting to accept the nomination**

1. Nominations - You can Nominate Yourself or Someone on this Call

1. Nominations will be tracked on Slide

1. Virtual Vote or Verbal Vote (for those on the phone)

1. The person with the majority of votes will be elected as the Co-Chair - *they become the Co-Chair as of that moment*



# Open for Nominations

Please nominate yourself or someone else present who can commit to the roles and responsibilities of a Co-Chair and is knowledgeable about the Subcommittee Subject Area



# Candidates for Co-Chair of this Subcommittee

- ☐ Sam Lewis
- ☐ Ray Zacarias
- ☐ Jose Arellano
- ☐ Adam Zaragoza
- ☐

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1 Minute

# Public Comment







VOTE



# Funding Recommendations Overview



# Three Considerations for Making Funding Recommendations



# Funding Recommendations Overview

## (1) FUNDING SHOULD CONNECT TO SUBCOMMITTEE'S FOCUS AREA

*Funding recommendations should align specifically with the Subcommittee Focus Area*

The Funding recommendations should **connect to and/or consider the “through themes”** identified by the Measure J Advisory Committee:

- a. Individuals Experiencing Mental Health Disorders
- b. Individuals Experiencing Substance Use Disorders
- c. Homelessness
- d. Situations Caused by Unmet Needs
- e. People with Disabilities
- f. Zip Codes
- g. Community of Interest
- h. Preventative Health Needs
- i. Systems Impacted Individuals

## (1) FUNDING SHOULD CONNECT TO FOCUS AREA

*Funding recommendations should align specifically with the Subcommittee Focus Area*

Funding Recommendation should connect to/and or consider **how the recommendation will eliminate disparities** within any of the following categories:

- a. Race
- b. Ethnicity
- c. Sex
- d. Gender Identity
- e. Sexual Orientation
- f. Language Spoken
- g. Geography
- h. Concentrated and/or Accumulated Disadvantage
- i. Immigration Status
- j. Age
- k. Veteran Status





## (2) VISION FOR FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- What's the long-term vision for change and improvement for the Subcommittee focus area?
- What programs, services and initiatives does this Subcommittee want to fund this fiscal year, between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022?
- What programs, services and initiatives does this Subcommittee want to fund, but might take longer to implement? (2+ years)

### (3) HOW MEASURE J FUNDING MOVES INTO COMMUNITY

- There is an established process to move funds into community when it is distributed through a County Department.
- The Subcommittee can propose additional processes to equitably distribute Measure J funding into communities

# FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS TEMPLATE & EQUITY TOOL

Measure J Funding Recommendations: Subcommittee\_\_\_\_\_

1. What outcomes (NorthStar) would the subcommittee like to see as a result of the funding?	
2. Are there population categories we hope to access by outcomes?	
3. What types of programs/services/initiatives will move us closer to those identified outcomes? (Please describe)	
4. What Measure J Funding Category/ATI Foundational Recommendation/ATI Overarching Strategy does this program/service/initiative connect to?	
5. Is there a connection to or consideration of the “through themes” identified by the Measure J Advisory Committee? a. Individuals Experiencing Mental Health Disorders b. Individuals Experiencing Substance Use Disorders c. Homelessness d. Situations Caused by Unmet Needs e. People with Disabilities f. Zip Codes g. Community of Interest h. Preventative Health Needs i. Systems Impacted Individuals	

6. How will your recommendation aim to eliminate disparities within any of the following categories: a. Race b. Ethnicity c. Sex d. Gender Identity e. Sexual Orientation f. Language Spoken g. Geography h. Concentrated and/or Accumulated Disadvantage i. Immigration Status j. Age k. Veteran Status	
7. What do people with lived experience say they need?	
8. How will you prioritize communities with the most need?	
9. What population of individuals will the program/service/initiative benefit?	
10. How does this program/service/initiative build community capacity and empower communities most impacted by inequities?	
11. How will our identified outcomes be reached by this program/service/initiative?	
12. What will success look like?	
13. How do we measure success?	

# Public Comment




# Focusing Our Subcommittee Topic Area



# Jamboard Activity

What are the **reentry issues** that you see, particularly for those who are systems-impacted and impacted by systemic racism and other inequities?

 And what would you **like** to see ?





# Brainstorm Results of this Subcommittee

- ☐ YYYYYYYY
- ☐ YYYYYYY

- ☐ YYYYYYYY
- ☐ YYYYYYY



# ATI Work Group Recommendations Closely Connected to Reentry

- Create and expand decentralized, coordinated service hubs in strategic locations across the eight Service Planning Areas (especially SPA 1, 3, and 7) where people, their families, and support network can seek referral and/or immediate admission 24-hours a day to a spectrum of trauma-informed services.
- Expand family reunification models and connect families to low-cost or no-cost parenting groups.
- Establish effective restorative justice programs for the adult justice-involved population by learning from existing County and other programs, especially those serving youth.
- Optimize and increase the appropriate use and process for mental health conservatorship and assisted outpatient treatment, and resource them accordingly.



# ATI Work Group Recommendations Closely Connected to Reentry

- Support and broaden implementation of community-based harm reduction strategies for individuals with mental health, substance use disorders, and/or individuals who use alcohol/drugs, including, but not limited to, sustained prescribing of psychiatric medications and MAT.
- Increase employment and retention of Community Health Workers (CHWs) to expand service capacity, cultural competency, and client/provider trust.
- Institute a presumption of pre-trial release for all individuals, especially people with clinical behavioral health disorders, whenever possible and appropriate, coupled with warm handoffs to community-based systems of care, to provide targeted services, if necessary, to help individuals remain safely in the community and support their return to court.
- Improve equal access to all treatment resources for justice-involved individuals, wherever they may be (in or out of custody).

# Public Comment



# Next Steps

- ❑ We'll meet Wednesday for the next 4 weeks: February 17, February 24, March 3, March 10
- ❑ You can send feedback and requests for the Reentry Subcommittee to [ati@lacounty.gov](mailto:ati@lacounty.gov)
- ❑ As a Subcommittee, recognize the impacts of mass incarceration and racial injustice, especially as we heard tonight on the Black community rooted in the history of this country, and include the voices and leadership of Black women, men, and gender non-binary people - include the voices and leadership of those most impacted



# Public Comment



# CLOSE MEETING

